

Kindly substitute pending claims 10, 17 and 36 with amended claims 10, 17 and 36 as follows:

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10. (Twice Amended) A line producing apparatus, comprising:  
a laser source adapted to produce radiant energy; and  
a laser output altering device, and wherein radiant energy projected from said laser source orthogonally into said laser output altering device emerges from said laser output altering device in a predetermined plane, and wherein said laser output altering device is a hollow tube within a hollow tube.

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17. (Twice Amended) A method for creating a line, comprising the steps of:  
providing a laser source; and  
providing a device for receiving radiant energy from said laser source, said device being adapted such that radiant energy projected from said laser source orthogonally into said device emerges from said device in an outward pattern to form a line in a predetermined plane, and wherein said device is a capillary array.

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36. (Twice Amended) An apparatus adapted to create an optical line, comprising:  
a laser source;  
a device for receiving radiant energy from said laser source, said device being adapted such that radiant energy projected from said laser source orthogonally into said device emerges from said device in an outward pattern to form an optical line in a predetermined plane, and wherein said device is a hollow tube within a hollow tube.